



**The 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial  
Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Policy Conference**

***The Future of Federal Statistics – Use of Multiple Data Sources, Anchored in  
Fundamental Principles and Practices***

**December 6-7, 2016  
Washington, DC Convention Center**

***Early Program Announcement***

*Members of the federal statistical system, and colleagues from academia and business will exchange information and advances in statistical policy and how other policies affect the statistical system. The 2016 conference is organized around the theme of adaptation to alternative data availability. The general program follows. Detail on speakers and specific presentations will be available Fall 2016.*

**Keynote Speaker:** Ron Haskins, Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies Program and co-director of the Center on Children and Families at the Brookings Institution and co-chair of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking

**Topical Sessions** (organized into 5 concurrent blocks)

Session 1: Causes and Consequences of Changes in Federal Data Collection

Session 2: Confidence in the Outcomes of Traditional Federal Statistical Surveys

Session 3: Private Sector Production of Economic Indicators

Session 4: Evolution of Quality Standards in the World of Alternative Data

Session 5: Realizing the Potential Offered by Administrative Data: Will M-14-06 and Ryan-Murray be Barrier Busters?

Session 6: Disclosure Limitation with Rich External Data Environment: Increasing Data Acquisition Practices and Expanding Stakeholder Information Needs

Session 7: Management of Hardware and Software Issues in Work with Alternative and Blended Data Sources

Session 8: Necessary Changes: Updating Workforce Skills and Management Styles for Work with Hybrid Data

Session 9: The Challenges of Overlapping Mandates between Federal Statistical Agencies and Departmental Chief Information Officers

Session 10: Public-Private Partnerships: Viable in the Federal Statistical System?

**Closing Session**



For further information about the conference or about conference registration, please contact Mae Pattison at [mae.pattison@copafs.org](mailto:mae.pattison@copafs.org)

